

REMARKS

1. In the above-captioned Office Action, the Examiner allowed claims 13-20 and objected to claims 2 and 5-7. Claims 1, 3, 4, and 8-12 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) in view of Fessenden (U.S. Patent No. 3,530,843) or Yasuhara et al. (U.S. Patent No. 4,294,220). These rejections are traversed and reconsideration is hereby respectfully requested.

2. The Examiner objected to claim 5 as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form.

The Applicants amend claim 1 to include the subject matter of claim 5. The amendment of claim 1 is not an admission that Fessenden or Yasuhara teaches claim 1. The cancellation and amendments instead reflect the Applicants' desire to expeditiously proceed and prosecute the resulting claims in this application.

3. No new subject matter is introduced by the amendments to the above claims.

4. The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned by telephone or facsimile if the Examiner believes that such a communication may advance the prosecution of the present application. Notice of allowance of claims 1-20 is hereby respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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